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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: VIETNAM URGED NOT TO SUPPORT
NON-ACTION MOTIONS ON IRAN, BURMA, AND DPRK

[¶1.](#) (SBU) In a November 7 discussion, the MFA International Organizations officer responsible for UN Third Committee and human rights issues, Phung Thi Lan Huong, said that while Vietnam as a matter of principle remains firmly opposed to country-specific resolutions, she would pass along our strong recommendation that Vietnam vote against -- or at least abstain, or not be present during -- no-action motions on Iran, Burma, and the DPRK.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) In delivering reftel points, Deputy PolCouns emphasized the egregious nature of human rights violations in all three countries, noting, per reftel, that the Iran resolution was a particular priority. He also stressed that as a procedural matter, the use of no-action motions itself represents a serious problem, since their sole purpose is to stifle debate.
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